THE TRUE

NARRATIVE

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

AT

The Sessions-House

IN THE

OLD-BAYLY,

Which began on *Wednesday* the 10th of this Instant *October*, and ended on *Saturday* the 12th, of the same Month.

Giving an Account of all the Remarable Tryals there, [*Viz.* For *High-Treason*, Murders, Fellonies, and Burglaries, *&c.* with the Criminals Names, and Places of Committing their Facts, with the Number of those Condemn'd to be Hang'd Transported, and to be Whip.

AT the *Sessions-House* in the *Old-Bayly*, on *Wednesday* the 10th. of this Instant *October*, about 9 a Clock in the Morning, the Right Houourable *St. William Prichard* Kt. *Custos*, *Lord Mayer* of the City of *London*; for the time being; with several *Aldermen*, *Justices* of the same City; together with the Right Honourable Sr. *George Jefferies* Knight and Barronet, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties *Court of Kings-Bench*, and one of the Lords of his Majesties most Honourable *Privy Council*; Sr. *Thomas Jenner* the present *Recorder* and other *Commissioners* of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, for the City of *London*, *Westminster* *County* of *Middlesex*, and *Goal* Dilevery of *Newgate*, being Assembled in *Court*, *Proclamation* was made in the accustomed manner; For all Persons to appear, or give their Attendance; which being ended, several persons accused, were called to the Bar, to whom *Indictments* of Fellonies

nies, Murders, Burglaries, &c. were read, as hereafter are named, who pleaded not Guilty, and put themſelves upon their Tryals, *Viz. John Smith, William Smith, John Pyſon, William Williams, Chriſtopher Moor Robert Vallers, John Thompſon, Thomas Atkins, &c.*

John Pyſon being brought upon his Tryal for Murthering of *Suſanna Roberts* a Child. It appeared, that upon turning of his Coach upon the Corner of a Street, the Wheel accidentally ran over the Head of the ſaid party, and no Malice being, *&c.* the *Jury* found him Guilty of Manſlaughter.

William Williams was Indicted for a Rape, upon the Body of *Sibyl May*, Aged ſixty years, or thereabouts; but upon full inquiry into the Fact, the Evidence was not ſo convincing as to induce the *Jury* to find him Guilty. The ſame Proſecuters preferred two other Indictments of Felony againſt the ſame perſon; and alledged, he had Felloniouſly took from her a *Ring*, *Scarf*, and *Hood*, &c. the ſame day: which appearing more reaſonable for the *Jury* to believe, they found the ſaid *William VVilliams* Guilty of both Fellonies, and the *Court* ordered him to be ſet aſide, to anſwer Judgment thereupon.

Chriſtopher Moor, was indicted for Fellony and Burglary, ſtealing from one *William Reves*, at the *Lamb-Inn*, in the Pariſh of St. *Clement Danes*, in the County of *Middleſex*, divers parcels of Apparrel, and other Goods to a conſiderable value; and upon the Tryal of the Cauſe, the Evidence being plain, beſides the Goods taken upon the Priſoner produced, he was found Guilty, and ſet aſide for Judgment.

Robert Vallers, was Tryed for ſtealing ſeveral pieces of *Plate*, from *Nicholas Ramſden*, and found Guilty. Alſo one *John Thompſon* was Tryed for taking a *Scarf* from *Mary Harberly*, and found Guilty. And one *Thomas Atkins*, was likewiſe found Guilty of ſtealing a *Silver Tankard* from *Elizabeth Green*, and the *Court* Adjourned till three a Clock: at which time being ſat, & *Proclamation* made, *Richard Rouch*, *Thomas Fitz-James*, and one Mr. *Atkinſon*, were all three Arraigned and Tryed for Killing Mr. *Iſack Welch* in *Chancery-Lane*; and after a full hearing of the Evidence for the King, the *Jury* brought the two latter not Guilty; and it appearing by the Evidence and Circumſtance of the Fact, that there was no Grudge or Malice, between the ſaid *Rouch* and the Deceaſed Mr. *Welch*, between whom the Quarrel hapined, which occaſioned the death of the latter, they found the ſaid Mr. *Rouch* Guilty of Manſlaughter.

John Smith, and *William Smith*, were Tryed, for Felloniouſly ſtealing divers Goods of great value, from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lindſey*. The Evidences, and Circumſtances being very plain, they were both fonnd Guilty, and ſet aſide for Judgment,

John Green, was Arraigned, for Felloniouſly ſtealing *Sheep*, and other Cattle; and pleaded Guilty to his Indictment, and was alſo ſet aſide for Judgment.

Peter Crown, a Soldier, was Arraigned, and Tryed, for Killing a Man. but upon Examination of the Evidence, it appeared a Quarrel aroſe between the Priſoner and the Deceaſed perſon, and not proceeding from any former Grudge or Malice between them, the *Jury* found him Guilty of Manſlaughter.

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James Oagly was Atraigned and Tryed for ſtealing from *Joſeph Hancokes* eighteen Shilling and ſixpence in Money, but upon Tryal of the Cauſe there being no poſſitive Evidence, & the Circumſtances not being ſufficient, to make out the Accuſation, the *Jury* found him not Guilty; and the *Court* Adjourn'd till eight a Clock the next Morning.

Thurſday the 11th, according to the Adjournment laſt-Night, the *Court*, ſat and proceeded in the Buſineſs of the Goal Delivery and *Charls Butler* was Arraigned and Tryed for *High Treaſon*, beie charged for *Cliping & Counterfeit Cuoining* his Majeſties *Current Money*: but upon the Tryal of the Cauſe, the Evidence being not ſufficient to prove the matter according to the Direction of the Statute he was brought in Guilty. And one Mrs. *Elizabeth Hare*, who was tryed for *Hegh Treaſon*, upon the ſame Statute, was found Guilty, *and ſet aſide for Judgment.*

Sidly Vanderlyn, Charls Dod, Charles Roberts, Hugh Jones, Edward Williams, were Tryed, for Robbing of *Richard Litleton* of a Hat and four Shillings in Money.

The ſaid perſons, together with one *Andrew Edwards*, a *Cheeſemonger* ſomewhat near *Billings-gate*, and others of the ſame Gang, who are fled from Juſtice, had made it their common practice to Ape ſome hot-head Debauches of the Town, in kiſſing all women kind they met in the ſtreets: and under that pretence they took the opportunity of picking their pockets, or Robbing them of any goods they might have about them; & were ſo audaciouſly inſolent, that they purſued ſeveral women into the Houſes they fled to avoid their Miſchievous uſeage: many modeſt Women complaining of their Beaſtly Affronts. In this manner they had peſter'd the ſtreets, Alleys and Lanes, near the *Royal Exchange* for ſome time, and would paſs the ſtreets with an unuſual Boldnſs for Villians of their profeſſion; Whooping, and Hallowing. Their Rendevouz being at a kind of a *Quakers* Ale-Houſe, at or near the *Stocks Market*: Being refuſed admittauce into all other publick Houſes in that Neighbourhood. Mr. *Weſton* the City Martial, having notice of the ſaid parties, took one of the ſame Profeſſion of Filers, or divers that belonged to another Gang, and he ingeniouſly diſcovered the whole Herd, and was induſtriouſly Inſtrumental in the taking and apprehending, of the ſaid notorious Malefactors. In the purſuit of them, The ſaid *Sydney Vandelee*, ſtobbed a Tallow Chandlers Apprentice, and but for the Extraordinary care of the *Chirurgeon*, the wound might have proved Mortal. The ſaid *Vanderlyn* was taken at a *Hatmakers* neer *St. Brides Church* that uſed to dreſs Hats, and work in the way of his Trade, to ſeveral that are ſuſpected to follow the ſaid courſe of life.

Our ſaid Sparks, would ſometime, according to the ſeaſon of the year Trivil the Circuits, and repear to *Inns* in *Towns* appointed for the *Aſſizes*, and pretend to take up Lodgings for the Judges Attendance; when indeed they had no other buſineſs but Robing or Stealing where ever they came; and are ſaid to out-do any, that ever yet pretended to the Profeſſion in all manner of wickedneſs; though ſome of them have ſcarce ſeen ſixteen years in the World, & the *Graveſt* of the *Gang*, not much above twenty, but moſt of them have the Charracter of being Thieves, almoſt ever ſince they were able to walk the *Streets*.

upon the ſaid Tryal, the Evidence was full and plain againſt them all

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upon which the Lord Chief Juſtice *Jefferies* ſumed up the Evidence minding the *Jury*, the Danger every Man in his own perſon, as well as the perſon oi his Servants were in, if ſuch out-rages were not Exemplary puniſhed, that the peace & civil Government of the City was invaded by them, beſides the evil Example, they might poſſible give to Youth, being in a manner but Children, and might with the more eaſe draw in many more young People with their diſſolute way of living; if they were not ſtopt in the Carreir e, of their wickedneſs, and that they were a ſort of people, that Robbed every body they met. *It* being their dayly practice, to ſtrole into all parts of the City and Country, upon no other buſineſs, and that ſeveral of them had received the Mercy of the *Court* for paſt offences, and were become hardned in their wickedneſs. One ſwearing, he had done the *Rogues* buſineſs, meaning the innocent honeſt *Tallow-Chandlers* Servant, and attempted the like Miſchief upon one of the Sheriffs Officers, but their Villanies, being to many to repeat, his Lordſhip left the whole Charge to the Conſideration of the *Jury*, who brought them in Guilty of the Fellonies, and Robberies, of which they ſtood Indicted.

Robert Thomas, *Joſeph Roberts*, and *Jonathan Parſons*, were Indicted and Tryed, for ſtealing a Gelding valued at 10. *l.* and upon Tryal of the Cauſe it appeared, that the ſaid *Thomas*, and *Roberts*, were no ways Conſenting or privy to the Felony, and the Jury brought them in not Guilty, and ſet them up for Evidence, and both of them declared the ſaid perſons brought the Gelding, and employed one of them to Ride him, and the other to ſell him, which was all they knew of the buſineſs and the Court was fully ſatisfied of their innocency, and cauſed them to be immediately diſcharged without Fees, and proceeded on the Tryal of *Parſons* only, who was found Guilty. The ſame *Parſons* was Indicted of a Felony, and Burglary, upon the *Houſe* of one *Jonathan Beck*, and ſtealing a Tankard and other Goods, but the Proſecuter not being able to prove Matter of *Fact* (alledging only ſome Circumſtances) he was found not Guilty of that Indictment. *Thomas Wade*, was found Guilty of ſtealing *Tobacco* to the value of 10. *l.* and *Robert Dillaber* was found Guilty of a Felony of the ſame value. *Thomas Hernes* and *Jacob Horten*, were tryed for Killing *John Harding* at the *Kings-Head* in *Fanchurch-Street*. brought in not Guilty *Samuel Mathews*, was tryed for ſtealidg a Silver Tankard from *Tho. Caucor* and found Guilty. *Eliz. Green*, and *Wm. Stanbrook*, were tryed for a Felony of the ſame Nature. *Green* was Convicted, and *Stanbrook* accquitred. *Hanah Peſar*, was tryed for takiug a Watch from the perſon of *Robert Rouſe*, and Accquitted. *John Knight*, *Thomas Eybody*, and *Thomas Edmunds*, were all Convicted for ſtealing two Geldings.

Saturday Morning, the *Seſſions* met, and proceeded in the buſineſs, *Mary Phelps*, was found Guilty of Murthering *John Charlton* in *Covent-Garden*, and *Francis Eggleſton*, was found Guilty of a Robbery on the *High-way*, and taking a Cravat, & Hat, from *Iſaack Jacſon*. *William Clark*, was found Guilty of ſpeaking Treaſonable VVords, concerning his Majeſty and ſaying the preſent *Fanatick* Conſpiracy, or Plot, was no Plot & ordered to ſtand in the *Pillory*, & pay a *Fine* to the King, of 100 Markes. *Charles Futler* was Convicted of *High-Treaſon*, for diminiſhing the Current Coin. *John Quarles*, and *Charles Temple*, were found Guilty of Felony. Divers others were tryed for Felonies of divers kinds, and accquitted. No poſſitive proof being brought againſt them, in Fine. The Court paſſed Sentence of Death, upon 17. *Vez. Eliz. Hare*, and *Cha. Butler*, for *High-Treaſon*, *Mary Phelps* for Murther, and ſeveral Felonies of divers kinds. 8 were Burnt in the hand, and 8 Tranſported, and 6 ordered to be VVhip'd, which concluded the Seſſions.

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